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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 1 September 1953, Installation VI at Droegeheide quartered a tank unit equipped with T-34 tanks and a unit equipped with 76.2-mm SP guns. The latter unit consisted of a headquarters platoon, 5 gun companies and a maintenance company. The units mentioned were quartered in permanent buildings in Section A of the installation.¹ 25X1

2. Section B quartered the headquarters of an artillery regiment which used cross-country vehicle and repair shop truck the permanent quarters of Section B were to be occupied, on 12 September, by the 3 battalions of the artillery regiment, an S-4 (AT unit) and an S-5 (AAA unit). Prior to 12 September, these units had been quartered in tents. During the time of observation they were being trained with 76.2-mm, 122-mm and 152-mm guns. The tent camp involved also quartered an AAA unit which occasionally practiced firing with 85-mm guns at Jaegerbrueck.¹ 25X1
3. Section C of Installation VI was unoccupied because the buildings were still under construction. Section C was expected to be ready for occupation in the late fall of 1953.¹

4. On 20 September, Section A of Installation IX at Spechtberg near Torgelow quartered Tank Regiment Eckert which had a ration strength of 40 officers and about 550 men. The regiment consisted of 3 battalions with 3 companies to each battalion, a headquarters company, a command company (Fuehrungskompanie), a repair shop company, an engineer unit, an AAA unit equipped with 12.7-mm AA machine guns, a reconnaissance unit equipped with armored scout cars and a rifle unit equipped with submachine guns. The tank companies consisted of 3 platoons 3 tanks to each platoon, besides a command tank. During the period of observation, training on tanks was being conducted; the main stress was laid on mounting the tanks and the getting ready for action. This operation was performed in about 15 seconds. Occasionally advance combat practice firing with machine guns was practiced from the tanks.² 25X1

5. On 20 September, Section B of Installation IX quartered Tank Regiment Schmidt. For training purposes, the regiment was equipped with 2 or 3 JS-II tanks which mounted 152-mm guns. When firing with live ammunition was being practiced, the second round fired from such a gun pierced the hull of a 25X1

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cannibalized tank placed at a distance of 800 meters. Soviet armor-piercing shells, allegedly, provided with a 3-section charge were used for these purposes. Signal officer of the regiment was Senior Lieutenant Noetzold (fnu), another officer assigned to the headquarters of the unit was Senior Lieutenant Molke (fnu). Motor vehicle [] was identified.²

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6. Section C of Installation IX quartered Tank Instruction Regiment Kleanner which had a ration strength of about 450 men.

7. [] about 150 T-34/85 and IS-II tanks besides SU-100 type SP guns on a parking lot within the billeting area of Installation IX in September. An additional 12 armored scout cars were also seen.⁴

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8. On 22 September, [] the tent camps near Droegeheide were vacated and that the KVP units previously quartered there had moved to permanent installations. The A-blocks of the barracks installations at Droegeheide quartered soldiers with blue service colors; B-blocks soldiers with black service colors and C-blocks soldiers with red service colors. A total of 23 field kitchens was seen in the billeting area.¹

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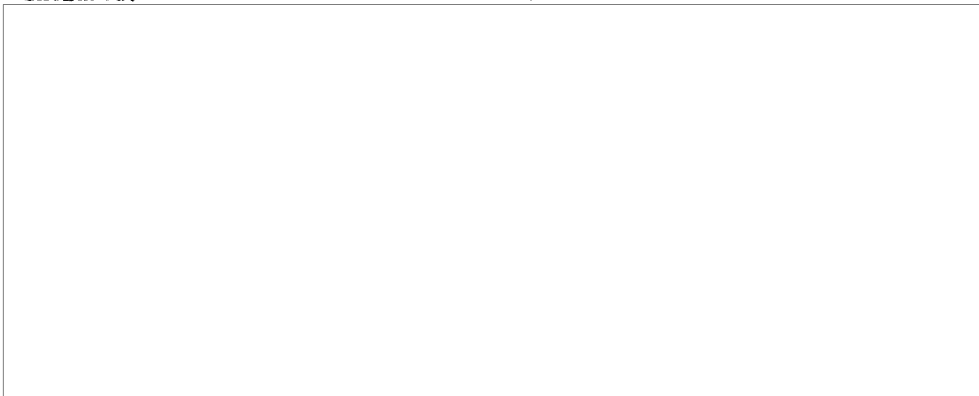
9. [] several KVP trains loaded with personnel and weapons of various kinds were proceeding through Torgelow from the direction of Eggesin toward Pasewalk on 10 and 11 September.

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[] several thousand KVPs had allegedly been moved from Installation VIII toward Puerstenberg on the Oder River.⁵

10. Motor vehicles identified near Installation VI between 7 and 21 September included:

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11. Motor vehicle convoys of the KVP observed in the Pasewalk-Torgelow area between 7 September and 8 October included:

7 September. A convoy of 5 trucks loaded with KVP personnel from Torgelow to Eggesin, at 2 p.m.; trucks [] were identified

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11 September. Five 2-axle armored scout cars [] from Pasewalk to Ferdinandshof at 8:15 a.m.; the cars mounted machine guns. Thirty personnel carriers occupied by KVPs with red service colors, from Torgelow to Pasewalk, at noon; trucks []

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[] were identified.

12 September. Twelve trucks, 6 personnel carriers and 4 field kitchens occupied by KVPs carrying field equipment, from Torgelow to Pasewalk, at 4 p.m.; trucks []

[] were identified.

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13 September. Eight trucks [redacted] and [redacted] occupied by KVP personnel, from Torgelow to Pasewalk, at 4 p.m. 25X1

14 September. Ten trucks [redacted] from Jutznick to Torgelow, at 4 p.m. A motorcycle [redacted] and 3 trucks [redacted] occupied by KVP personnel with red service colors, from Pasewalk to Eggesin, at 5:30 p.m. 25X1

16 September. Eight trucks [redacted] occupied by KVP personnel with brown collar patches, from Torgelow to Pasewalk, at 11:30 a.m. 25X1

17 September. Ten trucks and sedans [redacted] occupied by KVPs with black collar patches, from Torgelow to Pasewalk, at 2:45 p.m. 25X1

25 September. Five trucks [redacted] occupied by KVPs, from Torgelow to Pasewalk, at 3:15 p.m.

27 September. Tank trucks [redacted] from Torgelow to Pasewalk, at 4:15 p.m.

29 September. Trucks [redacted] occupied by KVPs with red service color, from Torgelow to Pasewalk at 4:30 p.m. 25X1

1 October. Six trucks [redacted] occupied by KVPs, from Pasewalk toward Torgelow, at 3:30 p.m. Four trucks [redacted] occupied by personnel, from Torgelow to Pasewalk, at 11:30 p.m. 25X1

2 October. Four trucks [redacted] occupied by personnel, from Torgelow to Pasewalk, at 3 a.m. 25X1

6 October. Six trucks [redacted] occupied by personnel, from Torgelow to Pasewalk, at 3 p.m.

8 October. Six trucks [redacted] and Soviet sedan [redacted] occupied by personnel with blue service color, from Torgelow to Pasewalk, at 2 p.m. 25X1

1. [redacted] Comment. The installation at Droegeheide is occupied by component units of Division Prenzlau. The installation quarters or is scheduled to quarter the following units: Section A, the tank SP regiment; Section B, the mixed artillery regiment, the AT battalion and the AAA battalion; Section C, probably the 3d Inf Regt. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the medium tank regiment of Division Eggesin moved to Berlin-Johannisthal on 9 September. The regiment allegedly had a strength of about 1,100 men. It is unknown, when this regiment moved back to Spechtberg, but it is believed that this took place between 1 and 10 October. During this period, other component units of Division Eggesin which had been employed in East Berlin also returned to their posts. 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. Section B quarters the heavy tank SP regiment of Division Eggesin. 25X1

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4. Comment. These observations indicate that the medium tank regiment was employed in Berlin without its tanks. 25X1
5. Comment. It was reported previously that component units of Division Eggesin moved to Berlin about this time. 25X1

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